

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

MICHAEL HILD,

Defendant.

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19-CR-602 (RA)

ORDER

RONNIE ABRAMS, United States District Judge:

In light of some of the allegations in Defendant's pending motion for judgment of acquittal or, in the alternative, a new trial, the Court advises the parties of the following:

After the completion of trial in this matter, Defendant's counsel Katy Lawrence sent the attached email to my courtroom deputy on Friday, May 7, 2021,¹ to which she responded on May 10. On May 11, the Court was advised that Mr. Hild hired new counsel. Although the Court had previously intended to mention this gesture at the next proceeding, in an exercise of caution, it does so now.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 31, 2021
New York, New York



RONNIE ABRAMS
United States District Judge

¹ "Paul" and "Joe" referenced in the email are court security officers.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 3:56 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Checking in - Katy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 9:26 AM
To: Katy Lawrence <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Checking in - Katy

Hi Katy!

Happy (belated) Mother's Day! Hope you had a great day celebrating with the kids!

Thank you so much for your kind words and for the sweet gesture. I can speak on behalf of myself and Judge Abrams when I say the feeling is mutual. It was such a pleasure for us to see you all in action, we were constantly impressed and we wish you all could appear in court here more often. It was sincerely a pleasure working with and getting to know all of you.

While we're grateful for the gesture, we are not permitted to accept anything of value - even KFC! Nonetheless, thank you so much. It is greatly appreciated.

I hope you are all doing well!

Best Regards,

From: Katy Lawrence <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, May 07, 2021 4:00 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Checking in - Katy

CAUTION - EXTERNAL:

Hi [REDACTED]! It hasn't been a full week since we have been back in Kentucky, but it feels like way longer of not seeing you all every day. The experience of having the opportunity to practice in your forum amongst such generous, talented people is still setting in I think. If it's not too informal, can I say that we miss seeing everyone? I hope you all are doing well!

On behalf of our office, we wanted to send something to show our appreciation to the Court and staff. Joe and Paul joked about getting KFC for lunch one day, so maybe we can cater in KFC for everyone? With covid restrictions, I wasn't sure if a mailed package of some Kentucky/Cincinnati specific items would be acceptable like Skyline chili or Graeter's ice cream (can be mailed with dry ice).

If food is not the best idea with any restrictions in place, I have a couple other ideas of non edible items :) just wanted to get your thoughts on what you think is best.

Have a great Friday and weekend!

Katy Lawrence

Attorney at Law

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